(b) Yes. Sir. in case the LIC has to consider loan for Jodhpur Lift Canal Water Supply Project within the Plan allocation, a major portion of the allocation which is normally in the range of Rs. 3 to 4 crores only per annum, will have to be released for this project and other schemes may not receive LIC assistance under Plan allocation for a long time. LIC has already written to the Government of Rajasthan explaining its view points.

(c) Yes, Sir. Reserve Bank of India, Bombay has issued necessary instructions to the Finance Secretaries of all the State Governments to the effect that the State Governments may consider extending their guarantee, on the merits of each case, on behalf of the State sponsored body in respect of loans sanctioned by the financial institutions even if the rate of interest on such loans exceeds 11.5 per cent per annum.

Drinking Water Needs of Jaiselmer and Jodhpur Districts

1474. SHRI GAJ SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan Government have sent to the Central Government a proposal costing Rs. 70.41 crores for twenty small schemes for the drinking water needs of 132 villages of Jaiselmer and Jodhpur districts on the route of the Jodhpur lift canal; and

(b) if so, whether the schemes have been sanctioned; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 39.80 crores.

(b) The project has been forwarded by the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) to the European Economic Commission (EEC) for bilateral assistance.

Memorandum of Ordnance Clothing Factory Worker's Union, Avadi, Madras

1475. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Memorandum dated 26th August, 1991 from Ordnance Clothing Factory Worker's Union, Avadi, Madras has been received by Government;

(b) whether the said representation deals with alleged non-implementation of judgement of Madras Central Administrative Tribunal duly upheld by the Supreme Court of India, regarding payment of piece rate arrears to the employees of Ordinance Clothing Factory, Avadi;

(c) if so, the reasons for non-implementation of the Tribunal's orders and that of the Supreme Court; and

(d) by when these orders are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of the answer to (a) above.

Memorandum received from All India Tyre Dealers' Association, Delhi

1476. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum dated 10-8-91 from All India Tyre Dealers' Association, Delhi has been received by the Prime Minister;

(b) if so, what are their grievances; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to redress their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The grievance of the All India Tyre Dealers' Federation is that the tyre manufacturers are arbitrarily increasing the prices of tyres. There is no statutory control over the prices of tyres. However, on the basis